

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing proposed amendments as well as the following remarks is respectfully requested.

In the present application, claims 1-19 have been cancelled hereby without prejudice, and claims 20-42 have been newly added. No new subject matter has been introduced via the noted changes. Claims 20-42 are pending in the present application.

In the Office Action dated May 18, 2007, the Examiner **(1)** objected to claims 4 and 10 for informalities; **(2)** rejected claims 1, 5-12, and 16-19 under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by USP3674085 to Saints et al. (hereinafter the “ ‘085 reference”); **(3)** rejected claims 2 and 13 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over the ‘085 reference in view of USPA2002/0173309 (hereinafter the “ ‘309 reference”); and **(4)** found allowable subject matter relative to claims 3-4 and 14-15.

In response to item **(1)**, Applicant(s) respectfully submit that the indicated objections are moot in view of the present pending claims.

Regarding items **(2) - (4)** above, Applicant(s) respectfully express appreciation for the finding of allowable subject matter relative to claims 3-4 and 14-15, and moreover respectfully submit that present claims 20-42 are similarly directed to allowable subject matter. Accordingly, Applicant(s) respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of all objections/rejections, and earnestly solicit a Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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